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Office Action Summary

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TANIGUCHI ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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In response to applicant's amendment dated November 21, 2005. The following action is taken:

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 20-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimada et al (5623477) in view of Senshu

The independent claims merely read on a disk having tracks and sectors, each of the sectors having pre-recorded address information recorded at an interval. The claim further read on detecting the address information and generating a sync signal to the data on the disk. Basically the independent claims read on detecting the address information of the sectors on the disk to generate a sync signals. The reference shows the use of a recording apparatus wherein a pre-recorded address data at the beginning of the sectors is detected (ADRS) in order to generate a sync signal (SYNC) meeting the claimed invention. However the primary reference does not disclose the newly added limitation wherein the odd and even sync signal having different patterns. The secondary reference discloses the use of even and odd signal having different patterns for the purpose of facilitating the tracking polarity switching as cited in column 2 lines 18-25. it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teachings of the primary reference and modify the secondary reference. Such modification of using a different data pattern is within the engineering

capability of one skilled in the art for in order to easily distinguish the data pattern on the disk for the purpose of precise tracking control. One skilled in the art would have been motivated to use the teachings of the secondary reference for the purpose of precise tracking polarity switching.

With respect to the limitations of claims 21 and 26 see the use of a SYNC AND BKID are adjacent to each other.

With respect to the limitations of claims 22 and 27. The limitation "doubles" is interpreted as the address data being larger than the sync data as shown in fig 1 ADRS and SYNC and data to be recorded must be determined based on the address information in order for the recording to be operational.

With respect to the limitations of claims 23 and 28-see fig 1.

With respect to the limitations of claims 24 the claim read on tracking control.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 20-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

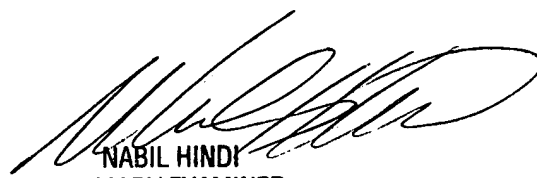
Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to NABIL Z. HINDI at telephone number (571) 272-7618.



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